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SUMMARY: RCAA COMPLETED KARACHI VISIT WITH DISCUSSIONS

PIA'S DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION, AUGUST 16,
GIVING FURTHER DETAILS PLANNED DC-10-30 DEPLOYMENT,
STATUS PAKISTANI CARRIER'S PRESENT FLEET, AND FURTHER
POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT ACQUISITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH REGARD TO DEPLOYMENT AIRLINE'S THREE DC-10-30'S
ON ORDER, RCAA MEETING AUGUST 16 WITH AFSAR HUSSAIN,
DIRECTOR PLANNING & COORDINATION, INDICATES DC-10-30
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PLANNED DEPLOYMENT FAR EAST INVOLVES TWO OR THREE ROUND-

TRIPS WEEKLY KARACHI-BANGKOK-MANILA-TOKYO AND ONE ROUND-TRIP WEEKLY KARACHI-ISLAMABAD-PEKING-SHANGHAI-TOKYO (SUBJECT TO CHINESE AND JAPANESE AGREEMENT ON AIR ROUTES BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN). THIS IS IN ADDITION TO PLANNED FOUR DC-10-30 ROUNDTrips WEEKLY KARACHI-EUROPE-LONDON-NEW YORK.

2. PIA IS PRESENTLY DEPLOYING THREE BOEING 720-040B'S (PROBABLY EARMARKED FOR LEASE TO AIR MALTA, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1974) AND SIX FOKKER-VFW F-27'S ON DOMESTIC SERVICES WITHIN PAKISTAN. INTERNATIONAL SERVICES ARE PRESENTLY BEING HANDLED BY THREE BOEING 707-340C'S (OWNED BY PIA), AND TWO BOEING 707-373C'S LEASED FROM WORLD AIRWAYS, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA (LEASE WHICH DUE TO TERMINATE JUNE 1975). ALL FIVE OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE CONFIGURED WITH TWO CARGO PALLETS FORWARD AND 126 ALL-ECONOMY SEATS.

3. TWO OF PIA'S 707-340C'S ARE LEASED TO YUGOSLAV AIRLINES (JAT), LEASES OF WHICH RUN OUT JUNE 1975 BUT PIA EXPECTS THE YUGOSLAV CARRIER WILL EXERCISE PURCHASE OPTIONS ON BOTH AIRCRAFT (ESTIMATED PRICE \$6.0 MILLION EACH), ONE 707-340C IS LEASED TO UK CARRIER, BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, LTD., LEASE OF WHICH RUNS UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1973, AND THEN WILL BE RETURNED FOR SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT BY PIA TWO FOKKER-VFW F-27'S ARE LEASED TO LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA) LEASES OF WHICH RUN UNTIL JUNE 30, 1974.

4. DC-10-30'S WILL BE EACH CONFIGURED AT 22 FIRST-CLASS SEATS PLUS PASSENGER BAGGAGE-CONTAINER LOCATED IN REAR OF CABIN, LEAVING 20 TONS OF CARGO CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN BELLY-HOLD. GALLEYS WILL BE LOCATED ON MAIN-CABIN, NOT BELOW, TO MAXIMIZE BELLY-HOLD CARGO CAPACITY.

5. REGARDING FUTURE REEQUIPMENT, PIA IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY ACQUIRING SIX TWINJET AIRCRAFT IN CATEGORY OF BOEING ADVANCED 737-200 OR MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC9-30/40/50 TO REPLACE AIRLINE'S EIGHT OBSOLESCE FOKKER-VFW F-27'S (TWO OF WHICH ARE ON LEASE TO LAA) ON DOMESTIC ROUTES. ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATES WOULD BE THREE IN 1975 AND THREE IN 1976. ADDITIONALLY, THE AIRLINE HOLDS OPTIONS ON THREE ADDITIONAL DC-10-30'S FOR DELIVERY IN 1977, 1978, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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1979, AND PROJECTS A FURTHER NEED OF SEVENTH AND EIGHT DC-10-30'S BY MID 1983. THERE ARE INDICATIONS FROM RELIABLE AVIATION SOURCES KARACHI THAT PIA HAS REQUESTED TENDERS FROM BOEING, MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION (BAC) AND FOKKER-VFW TO COVER SIX-MONTH WET-LEASING OF ONE TWIN-JET AIRCRAFT TO PIA COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1973 FOR EVALUATION ON PIA'S DOMESTIC ROUTE STRUCTURE. INDICATIONS POINT TO WET-LEASE OF EITHER BOEING ADVANCED 737-200 OR MC-

DONNELL DOUGLAS DC-9, WITH LESSER POSSIBILITIES FOR
YBAC-111 OR FOKKER-VFW F-28. SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL ROUTE
EVALUATION, AIRLINE WOULD PRESUMABLY PLACE ORDER IN 1974 FOR
THREE TO SIX TWINJETS VALUED AT \$19.5-39 MILLION.

6. DETAILED AIRGRAM FOLLOWS SHORTLY FROM BEIRUT.
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